CHAPTER 367

(House Bill 421)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to adopt regulations to allow individuals to practice under supervision as licensed graduate marriage and family therapists, or as licensed graduate professional counselors; providing certain qualifications for practice under supervision; authorizing the use of certain titles and certain representations; prohibiting the use of those titles and representations by individuals not licensed; providing certain penalties for certain violations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to licensed graduate marriage and family therapists, and licensed graduate professional counselors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-3A-01

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-3A-02.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

17-3A-01.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "License" means [a license issued by the Board to practice clinical professional counseling, clinical marriage and family therapy, or clinical alcohol and drug counseling.], UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, ONE OF FIVE SIX TYPES OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD AUTHORIZING AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE:
 - (1) CLINICAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING:
 - (2) CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY:
 - (3) CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING: